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A. POLITICAL

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[redacted] supporters of the Communist
regime among government employees [redacted]

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1. Of the 350 persons employed in the Ministry of Power, only about 100 are Party members. [redacted] not more than one per cent of these are convinced Communists.

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[redacted] One
is Eugeniusz ZADRZYNSKI, who is General Director of Exploitation
[redacted] During the last war he served as a colonel in
the First Kosciuszko Division in Russia [redacted]

The other well-known convinced Communist is Halina GORWICZ.
Director of Wages and Employment [redacted]

[redacted] It is rumored
that she was a lieutenant in the First Kosciuszko Division
during the last war.

2. It is difficult to determine why these people have adopted Communism. One of the reasons may be the fact that they, as former active PPR members of long standing, have been thoroughly

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imbued with the Communist ideology and perhaps became blinded.

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non-Communist technicians and others

A sort of atmosphere of desperation seems to grip them. They are in absolute disagreement with the present system but are helpless to do anything about it; they see no way out -- no real hope for the future.

They are of the opinion that as long as Communism exists there will be no improvement in their situation. They are certain that a crisis will be reached; it must come. How this crisis will come about or what forms it will assume is a matter of speculation. The possibility of reaching any understanding or agreement between Communism and Democracy is beyond their comprehension. These two systems have no common background.

How can one discuss disarmament with a country, with a system which is guided solely by the dogmas -- the gospel -- as outlined by the All-Union Communist Party (WKP (b) - Wszechzwiązkowa Komunistyczna Partja (bolszewikow)). Although that name has recently been changed to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the tenets and the commands are still the same. The "Krotka Historja" WKP(b) textbook is still the basic course.

How can you expect to come to terms with anyone who has been thoroughly drilled in the Communist idea, who has been trained to see one goal -- destruction of capitalism by a revolution?

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this statement repeated over and over at various Party meetings: "There must be a revolution; we have to help that revolution get started by using various means, such as bloody strikes in which alleged innocent victims are sacrificed, the sowing of dissension among the classes in the capitalist system, et cetera." There is no doubt that they are following the precepts outlined in their bible -- the WKP(b) textbook.

War is the only solution for wiping out Communism. It will not collapse of itself; the impetus for its downfall must come from without.

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Poland finds itself in a peculiar predicament. Her possible liberation involves a certain ambivalence of popular attitude. On the one hand, the sooner the German army is created, the sooner will come Poland's liberation from under the yoke of Russia. On the other hand, the Germans will demand all of the "Recovered Territories" for their efforts in the liberation.

5. Almost all of the former PPS members have been ousted or placed in very unimportant positions. CYRANKIEWICZ and OSOBKA-MORAWSKI are about the only ones remaining who allegedly hold high-ranking positions. Whoever was in the PPS is considered an "enemy of the state".

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100% of the former PPS members remain anti-Communist. [redacted] lectures at closed sessions of the Party at the PKPG [redacted] the PPS was always branded as hostile to the workers and, hence, to the state.

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The influence exerted by OSOBKA-MORAWSKI and CYRANKIEWICZ in high level matters is nil. OSOBKA-MORAWSKI, for example, is Director of State Health Resorts. That position is a sinecure, without any important duties attached to it. He goes through the formality of signing documents, but his signature is absolutely meaningless without other signatures in his office. This ex-Premier is retained in this position merely to keep up appearances, to prove that he is not in prison. However, he is constantly under UB surveillance.

In his official capacity, OSOBKA-MORAWSKI is powerless; on an informal and personal basis, however, he is very influential.

6. The former PPS members, almost all of them in low government positions, stem from mixed social levels. Most of them, however, are of the intelligentsia. On the whole they are quite decent people.

7. The police system in postwar Poland has forced people to be unusually wary and to be on guard constantly. Through experience, these people developed their sixth sense to an astounding degree. A person tries to feel his way around with his fellow workers. Then, again, when one hears "On jest porzadny czlowiek" ("he is a decent guy") said of someone, he can be fairly certain that that person is not a Communist or, if he is a Communist, that he can still be trusted.

Almost everyone who has a job is employed by the state; there is practically little or no private enterprise.

Persons working in the Central Bureaus are always extremely careful -- even in the company of non-Communists -- until they learn to know their fellow workers. A word is dropped here and there and over a long period, through closer association and exercise of prudence, a person will be able to appraise the group with which he is working.

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it is possible -- in the UB-infested police system of Poland -- to distinguish the denouncers from the trusted persons.

8. The new Communist personnel are composed mainly of peasants and manual workers. This new type of government employee is one who was a PPR (Polish Worker Party) member or now is a ZMP-PZPR (Union of Polish Youth - Polish United Workers Party) member. His maximum age is 33. He is trained in a school for managers and directors. This training, however, is accelerated nowadays in order to replace the present non-Communist engineers and other highly trained men.

B. ECONOMIC

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1. The following are the main difficulties in power distribution:

- (a) A shortage of 100-300 mw. of power, depending upon the season of the year.
- (b) A terrific shortage of equipment; the present equipment is old and worn out, both in the power plants and in the grid system. A limited amount of equipment, such as turbines, is imported

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Production of small turbines is to be started in Elblag in two years.

The Ministry of Power is constantly pleading with the PKPG for the allocation of funds for the purchase of equipment. The PKPG has often asked [] to distribute [] requests for equipment over longer periods and even to postpone certain jobs.

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- (c) Inadequate hookup between the individual regions of the country, hookups which are not adaptable to the present development and distribution of heavy and war industries.
- (d) Planned investments of new power plants and the extension of the grid system do not keep pace with demands. This lag is due to delays in receiving supplies from abroad -- delays which are caused either by the foreign suppliers or by currency problems.
- (e) Personnel problems. There is a shortage of trained personnel; there are constant shifts of technical personnel to positions unfamiliar to them. The men in the operational posts and those in power distribution seem to live in an atmosphere of constant fear. The UB and the Party frequently interfere. Generally speaking, the morale is low.

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- (f) Bureaucracy seems to be the order of the day, especially as far as the supply of spare parts is concerned. Moreover, it is absolutely impossible to procure any kind of material whatsoever on the free market, which practically is non-existent.
- (g) There is a tremendous need for certain important units like generators, transformers, and turbines.

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2. The following are the most important power plants:

- ✓(a) Laziska Gorne (near Katowice)
- (b) Chorzow
- (c) Bedzin
- (d) Zabrze
- (e) Miechowice
- (f) Jaworzno II
- ✓(g) Wiktoria (Walbrzych)
- (h) Dychow (hydroelectric)
- ✓(i) Czerwonak (Poznan)
- ✓(j) Jasiniec (Bydgoszcz)
- ✓(k) Olowianka (Gdansk)
- (l) Warszawa
- (m) Lodz
- (n) Stalowa Wola
- (o) Roznow
- (p) Gorzow

Nowa Huta;
a 50-megawatt plant is being built for use by
that foundry. It will connect with a 110 kilowatt line from the
Silesian grid, most probably Jaworzno II.

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3. There is no exchange of power between Poland and the USSR. The Polish power plants near Zamosc supply 200-300 kw. over a 15 kv. line to the USSR area which figured in the Polish-Soviet border realignment a year or two ago.

With Czechoslovakia there is an exchange of power ranging up to 20 mw. over a 100 kv. line. Participating in this exchange are the Wiktoria plant in Walbrzych, Poland, and the Porici plant in Czechoslovakia.

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The exchange with the GDR involves the Boleslawiec plant in Poland and the Hirschfelde plant in the GDR, consisting of ten mw. over a 100 kv. line. There is also a 40 kv. line involving a three or four mw. exchange.

- [REDACTED]
4. The Polish oil industry, located in a 120 km. stretch from Gorlice to Ustrzyki Dolne in the sub-Carpathian region, is supplied electric power by the following plants: Roznow, Mecinka, and the 110 kv. Boguchwala substation.

The peak power consumption of the oil industry was three mw. in 1951; it was over three mw. in 1953; and is expected to reach five mw. in 1955.

There is no difficulty at present in supplying power to that industry. 25X1

- [REDACTED]
5. About 8,500,000,000 kilowatt hours were supposed to be produced in 1953. If use of electricity were not restricted, another 20% would be needed to satisfy the over-all demand in Poland. [REDACTED]

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